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Applicants: Filed:

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Title:

OPTICAL OUTPUT UNIT, INFORMATION PROCESSING TERMINAL, REPEATER UNIT, AND PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE OPTICAL

OUTPUT UNIT

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Examiner:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 2002-042292
- 2) 06-191752
- 3) 2001-167620
- 4) 08-106349
- 5) 07-287693
- 6) 2002-005770
- 7) 05-095921

- 8) 2000-041554
- 9) 05-269407
- 10) 61-015229
- 11) 11-296482
- 12) 09-214412
- 13) 2000-004235
- 14) 2786163
- 15) 4-41869

Reference 14) includes a partial English translation thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

References 1)-13) include an English abstract thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

References 1)-15) were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed.

Accordingly, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17/(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a

(15) References

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